

Resolution No: 4

Date: January 20, 2003

City: Las Vegas, Nevada

NAHB Resolution

Title: VA Appraisals
Original Sponsor: Single Family Finance Subcommittee of the
Housing Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the statute governing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Loan Guaranty Program requires that appraisers for VA-guaranteed loans be assigned from the VA appraiser roster on a rotating basis;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) eliminated the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) fee panel of appraisers in 1996;

WHEREAS, prior to HUD's elimination of the FHA fee panel, reciprocity for appraisals existed between VA and FHA, meaning that either agency would accept appraisals performed for loans insured or guaranteed by the other agency;

WHEREAS, due to elimination of the FHA fee panel, VA no longer accepts appraisals originally performed for FHA-insured loans, even if performed by a VA-approved appraiser;

WHEREAS, FHA will accept appraisals originally performed for VA-guaranteed loans providing that the appraiser meets FHA's appraiser requirements;

WHEREAS, the elimination of reciprocity of appraisals between VA and FHA results in unnecessary and costly delays to builders and, as a result, adversely affects housing affordability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders urge Congress to repeal the requirement that appraisers for loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) be assigned from the VA appraiser roster on a rotating basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders urge Congress to direct the VA to reinstate reciprocity by accepting appraisals originally performed for loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Joint Executive/Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Housing Finance Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Finance Subcommittee of the Housing Finance Committee Action:	Recommends Approval